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SUBJ: DANISH CONCERNS OVER THE F-16 PROGRAM

REFS: (A) SECDEF R102148Z FEB 77, (B) COPENHAGEN 869

1. ON FEBRUARY 10, I RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM DANISH MINISTER OF DEFENSE ORLA MOLLER, SUGGESTING THAT I CALL ON HIM ON MONDAY, FEB 14. WHEN I RECEIVED SECRETARY BROWN'S LETTER TO MOLLER ON FRIDAY, FEB 11 (REFTEL A), I IMMEDIATELY TELEPHONED MOLLER TO ADVISE HIM THAT SECRETARY BROWN'S REPLY WAS ON ITS WAY. I READ TO HIM PERTINENT SECTIONS OF THE LETTER, PARTICULARLY THOSE DEALING WITH THE OFFSET ARRANGEMENTS. PURPOSE OF THIS ACTION WAS TO DELAY ANOTHER LETTER FROM MOLLER TO BROWN ON THIS SUBJECT UNTIL DANES HAD TAKEN COGNIZANCE OF SECRETARY BROWN'S FORTHCOMING REPLY.

2. WHEN I SAW ORLA MOLLER THIS MORNING, FEB 14, I REALIZED THIS HAD CLEARLY BEEN THE RIGHT TACTIC. MOLLER WENT OVER SECRETARY BROWN'S LETTER LINE BY LINE AND WAS VISIBLY PLEASED BOTH BY ITS CONTENT AND FRIENDLY TONE. HE THEN MADE ORALLY SOME OF THE POINTS WHICH I HAD SET OUT IN MY TELEGRAM TO SECRETARY BROWN (REFTEL B) REGARDING DANISH DISSATISFACTION WITH THE AMOUNT OF OFFSET THEY EXPECT
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TO ACHIEVE DURING THE F-16 COPRODUCTION. MOLLER SAID HE HAD ORIGINALLY PLANNED TO GIVE ME A LETTER ON THIS SUBJECT TODAY -- AND THIS HAD BEEN REASON FOR MY HAVING BEEN CALLED IN -- BUT THAT HE WOULD REDRAFT LETTER IN LIGHT OF THE "CORDIAL AND UNDERSTANDING" REPLY OF SECRETARY BROWN.

3. I THEREFORE EXPECT TO RECEIVE WITHIN NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS

ANOTHER LETTER FFOR TRANSMITTAL FROM MOLLER TO SECRETARY BROWN, THIS ONE DEVOTED STRICTLY TO THE DANISH OFFSET PROBLEM. ORIGINAL WILL AGAIN BE DELIVERED IN WASHINGTON BY DANISH AMBASSADOR BORCH TO DEFENSE DEPT AUTHORITIES. MOLLER EMPHASIZED ONE POINT: HE HOPED THAT SOME SPECIFIC IMPROVEMENTS IN OFFSET ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE AGREED UPON SOONEST SO THAT DENMARK CAN SIGN THE U.S. LETTER OF OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE BEFORE IT EXPIRES ON APRIL 1. DANES WISH TO SIGN, HE STRESSED, BUT HE MUST SHOW TO HIS COUNTRYMEN A MORE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION IN THE OFFSET ARRANGEMENT THAN IS PRESENTLY THE CASE.

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